

## AVIATORS' SCHOOL

Millionaires Offer to Buy Camp and Train Novices.

### PLAN TO TEACH IN GROUPS

Scores of Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and Other University Men File Applications With Aero Club of America Main Recruiting Station. Guard Will Assist Destroyers.

New York.—A syndicate of New York millionaires, headed by H. P. Davison of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Lewis S. Thompson, has notified the United States navy department that it is ready to acquire the site and bear the entire expense of a camp to be established somewhere on Long Island for training in groups of 100 each college men as aviators to aid the navy in coast defense and for any other branch of the service desired. Rear Admiral Peary, head of the national aerial coast patrol commission, is acting advisor, and several conferences with navy department officials have been had.

Mr. Davison and his wife gave the enthusiastic support which brought



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H. P. DAVISON.

about the organization of the Yale aerial unit last summer, and their two sons, F. Trubee Davison and H. P. Davison, Jr., are now expert fliers, training with the Yale unit at West Palm Beach, Fla., which camp is financed by Mr. Davison, Sr. The men there are under full military discipline. Henry Woodhouse of the Aero Club of America recently gave them an airplane gun and 2,000 rounds of ammunition, in the use of which the young aviators will receive instruction from naval officers.

The personnel of the Florida camp has been increased since the arrival of the Yale unit. Besides the Davison boys and Robert A. Lovett, son of Judge Robert Lovett, president of the Union Pacific railroad, the members are all of wealthy and socially prominent families.

Scores of Harvard, Princeton, Columbia and other university men are filling applications with the Aero Club of America, the main recruiting station.

The duties of the aerial coast guard will be to locate and assist destroyers, destroyers and submarine chasers, to locate and assist trawlers in destroying submerged mines, searching the coast for submarine bases, convoy troop and merchant ships on coastwise trips, to patrol the coasts, holding up and inspecting doubtful ships and conveying them to examining stations, attacking hostile ships and submarines with torpedoes, bombs and guns; protecting ships at sea and in port from attacks of submarines and battleships, communicating to incoming ships information regarding the location of mines, submarines and the courses to follow to avoid mistakes, confusion and accident; serving as the "eyes" of mine planters, minimizing the time required for mine planting, and defending and protecting naval bases from naval and aerial attacks.

### PURPLE CARNATIONS NOW.

Arise Professor Produces One and Values Cuttings at \$100 Each.

Trenton, N. J.—Governor Edge returned from the State Agricultural college the first purple carnation ever originated. It was produced by Professor M. A. Blake by artificial hybridization, and a cutting is valued at \$100. It was brought to the executive offices by Dr. J. G. Lipman, director of the experiment station.

Purple is the color of the Northwestern University of Illinois, and that institution asked for a cutting, but the experiment station has decided first to accumulate enough stock to be distributed free to the florists of New Jersey.

### FINDS BULLET IN PILLOW ON HIS RETURN HOME

Newark, N. J.—When John Burkhardt and his wife returned to their home the other night they found a bullet hole through the center of the pillow on which Burkhardt sleeps. Some one had evidently fired through the window in the darkness, and Burkhardt is thanking his lucky stars that he was not at home.

## SUGGESTS WAR HONORS FOR ARMY OF FARMERS

Recruit All Unfit For War Work For Service In The Fields.

New York.—Joseph Hartigan, commissioner of weights and measures, has laid before the council of national defense a plan to remedy the shortage of agricultural labor by the mobilization and training by the government of an agricultural army.

The scheme provides for enlisting able-bodied men unfit for the army and navy on account of minor defects, such as weak vision, deafness, tooth trouble, and so on, and also of conscientious objectors.

"In view of the present food situation and the need for more food in future," said the commissioner, "the farmer must have help in increasing his crops. American agriculture has suffered from the drift of farm labor to munition factories, and when the nation begins to raise an army there will be further subtraction from farm labor through enlistments, while the consumption of food certainly will not decrease.

"Under the circumstances it seems we ought to honor the man behind the plow as well as the man behind the gun. Each is serving the nation. Such an army might easily number several hundred thousand. It would be regularly organized and officered, and its men would wear uniforms, marking them distinctly as engaged in the service of the United States. After brief training they could be distributed in regiments or companies where needed, according to crop seasons. These men would be paid by the government, just as soldiers are paid, and they might well receive the advantages after honorable discharge that are given in some places by law to ex-soldiers. Farmers who receive this aid from the government could pay the wage rate current in their neighborhoods."

## ALL PRIVATE WIRELESS PLANTS DISMANTLED

Report of Sea Raider Off Coast Moves Government to Speedy Action.

New York.—Immediately on the declaration of war against Germany the police began executing the order that all private wireless stations throughout the city be dismantled. The federal authorities have instructed them that every apparatus of this character must come down, even those having permits from the department of commerce. Apparatus not removed by the owner will be dismantled by a police wrecking crew.

It is estimated there are 1,500 wireless receiving stations in Greater New York, most of which have been encouraged by the government because student wireless operators must have plants in which to practice.

One thing that moved the government to take prompt steps against the wireless was the report of a sea raider off the coast. Particular attention is being paid to automobiles driving along the south shore of Long Island, because there is reason to believe that many times during the war radio connection has been established between German spies in this city and sea rovers. Apparatus powerful enough to throw waves 1,000 miles can be carried in the tonneau of a motorcar.

Secret service agents have picked up messages supposedly sent in this way.

### DISCUSS SHRAPNEL HELMETS

Great Quantities Can Be Turned Out In Single Month if Needed.

Washington.—Officials of the war department declared that, while the army was not yet provided with the shrapnel helmets found so indispensable in European military operations of the last two years, the department had already approved patterns for their manufacture and that great quantities could be turned out within a single month in the event they were needed.

The war department has also accepted patterns for poison gas helmets and trench guns, adequate supplies of which also may be obtained on short notice, it is said. The army has no plans at present for the provision of liquid fire, which the Germans introduced and which the allies have since found so useful in trench operations, but it is stated that this, too, could be secured in this country in case its use became imperative.

The pattern of shrapnel helmet accepted by the war department is described as unusually heavy, weighing between three and four pounds. It will not be worn except in active field operations.

### CAT FLOATS ON KEG.

She Went Through a Gale at Sea and Was Rescued.

Redondo Beach, Cal.—Carl Hansen and George Fitch returned from a fishing trip the other day bringing with them a large black cat which they found riding an empty keg five miles out at sea.

The cat was famished and had undoubtedly weathered a fierce storm when the wind blew at a rate of fifty miles an hour, but had tenaciously clung to the keg.

On a brass plate attached to a leather collar around the animal's neck was the word "Utanka," presumably the name of the boat upon which the cat was a mascot.

## MAKING OFFICERS

More Than 20,000 Are Required For United States Army.

### HOW TO OBTAIN COMMISSION

Candidates Will Be Grouped by Cities, and Examining Officers Will Be Sent to Conduct Examinations at Central Points—First and Most Important Requisite Is Military Training.

Washington.—The new army will require more than 20,000 officers of the line, including those of the regular army and the reserve. In the next few months, therefore, opportunities will be open for thousands of capable young men to enter the military service. The method of obtaining a commission is not what it has heretofore been in times of emergency.

The applicant may send his application to the secretary of war or he may, if he has acquaintance with his congressman or senator, send it through either of these. His application once on file in the war department, he will be duly notified as to every step necessary for him to take to qualify for a commission. Naturally at this time, when the increment necessary must be crowded into a short period of time, many requirements will be less rigorously enforced than in ordinary times. Candidates will be grouped by cities, and examining officers will be sent to conduct examinations at central points.

Examining officers will conduct examinations in a selective manner, maintaining a ratio of one major to five captains, five first lieutenants and five or more second lieutenants. The first and most important requisite is military training, but military training alone will not admit a man to the officers' reserve corps. He will be examined as to character and sobriety, personality, address and force, reputation and standing in his community, power to command respect of officers and men, and adequate education. Military efficiency, however, will determine the grade to which he will be appointed.

In case of men who have had little or no military training candidates will be recommended for appointment as second lieutenants subject to the thirty-second year age limit, provided they are college graduates, or seniors in college, or clearly well educated men, or have demonstrated ability in business, athletics or other activity and possess in a marked degree the ability to handle men. The war department expects that it will be possible under this standard to obtain from forty to fifty good reserve officers of the line from each congressional district.

Instructions to examining officers are to hold the general examination as to character and capability up to a high standard.

Orders have gone out from the war department to speed up examinations and recommendations because it is recognized that it will require time to make an army of even 500,000 men effective for service under the conditions of fighting employed in the present war.

### POWER BOAT TUITION.

Squadron Association Places Units at Government's Disposal.

New York.—The United States Power Squadron association took action to place its resources, comprising twenty squadron units in the principal Atlantic and great lakes ports of the country, at the disposal of the government. Owing to the fact that of the thousands of motorboats owned in the United States comparatively few are of sufficient size and power to be used in operations against submarines, the association decided to place the hundreds of vessels represented in its fleets at the command of the navy department to be used as training vessels for personnel while the larger craft are being built.

The proposition to utilize the motorboat fleets for training purposes was transmitted to Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt by Theodore I. Coe, head of the Power Squadron association.

The men who have been put in charge in the various districts are C. N. Burnall for Boston, H. M. Williams for New York, Dr. E. P. Sweet for Providence, J. K. Murphy for New Haven, L. P. Clephane for Washington, H. H. Hungerford for Chicago and Maurice G. Belknap for Philadelphia.

### CITIZEN SECRET SERVICE.

Organization For Seven States Announced at San Francisco.

San Francisco.—The intelligence office of the western department, United States army, announced the organization of a secret interstate citizens' intelligence organization to be known as the Nathan Hale volunteers. Any man or woman who is a citizen of the United States may hold membership. The states of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Montana will be covered by the organization. The object will be to aid the government in connection with anti-spy, pro-German and anti-American activities.

Brigadier General E. G. Hunt of the California national guard is chief of the advisory board of the organization, which is divided into ten divisions in the western department.

The identity of the members will be kept secret, and the men and women selected to act under orders will be furnished with identification credentials.

## REPAIR RECRUIT'S TEETH.

Twenty Thousand Members of Dentists' Preparedness League Offer Services.

Washington.—Bad teeth need deter no one from offering his services to the United States either as soldier or sailor. The Preparedness League of American Dentists, with a membership of 20,000 throughout the United States, has organized and is ready to repair defective teeth for any prospective recruit without charge, so that not a man need be lost to the country on this account.

The New York unit of the league has offered its services to General Leonard Wood, who has accepted the offer. The faculty of the New York College of Dentistry and the New York College of Dental and Oral Surgery, the clinics of Bellevue and allied hospitals, Orthopedic hospital and the health department dental clinics have been placed at the disposal of the league.

The equipment comprises nearly 300 chairs, and a body of representative men have volunteered to keep this equipment in operation. It is expected that dental supply concerns will aid the patriotic work with free contributions of materials. Virtually every dental college in the country will co-operate in the movement.

## CRIPPLED HERO ON RECORD.

Arm Gone, He Has Woman Sign Declaration Backing Training Plan.

New York.—More than fifty years ago William Neary gave the best years of his life to his country. Recently he paused on Broadway to listen to a young woman who was urging the crowd about her to sign a declaration in support of universal military service. William Neary pushed through the crowd.

"I'd like to sign that paper, young woman," he said, "but, you see, I can't." He pointed to the sleeve that dangled where his right arm used to bulge and drew a postal card from his pocket.

"There's my name," he said. "It's a call to the meeting of my Grand Army post. You see they call me 'comrade.'" Comrade Neary watched carefully while the young woman transcribed his name and address. His left hand rose to his hat brim in salute.

"Young woman," he said, "there should be more like you. The country needs them."

## HAWK BREAKS WINDOW GLASS

Famishing Bird Attempts to Feast on Parrot.

Green Bay, Wis.—Polly, a parrot, the companion of Mrs. William Anderson, was preening herself in the sunshine at the window of the front room when a hawk, swooping down, crashed through the window glass.

Before the bleeding bird of prey could reach the parrot with its talons Polly soared out through the same hole and perched in an apple tree. Polly set up a frightened chatter that brought her mistress, who couldn't imagine how she got out of the room. Mrs. Anderson hurried out and to the window, where she saw the havoc and the great hawk flopping about the floor, sprinkling blood all over her erstwhile immaculate parlor.

When Mrs. Anderson and a neighbor had pinned it down and chopped off its head they found it three feet five inches from tip to tip. The bird was thin and seemed nearly starved, probably, they thought, because of the deep snow.

## WARNS OF FOOD SHORTAGE.

Armour Favors Government Control of Production and Price.

Chicago.—"If immediate and radical steps are not taken to increase and conserve the food supply in the United States," said J. Ogden Armour, "this country will find itself next fall and winter in as bad a state so far as food is concerned as any of the warring nations of Europe."

"Our first duty, as I see it, is to make certain that both our own people and our allies have an abundant food supply. I favor government supervision and control of food production and food prices."

"Let the government, for instance, fix the wholesale price of all meat products. Let the government guarantee to the farmer a minimum price of \$1.50 a bushel for all the wheat he can raise."

## HIS LAST JUDGE A TRAIN.

Man Acquitted of Railway Murder Is Killed on Same Road.

High Bridge, N. J.—Over a year ago John Wesley Beam was acquitted of a charge of murdering William Beam (not a relative of John's) by pushing him under a railroad train on New Year's eve, 1915. The case was tried before Justice Parker of the supreme court and Judge Salmon of the Morris county court.

Recently John was killed by a train on the same railroad. He had fallen asleep on the High Bridge branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. His body was taken to his parents' home at Bunville.

## WILL NOT MINGLE RACES.

War Department to Train Whites and Blacks Separately.

Washington.—It was learned authoritatively at the war department that negro and white troops will not be camped and trained together and that the department does not contemplate any action which would smack of offending the south.

The problem has been solved in the past, and a solution will be found during the present war, it was said.

## FARMS ON LINKS

Golfers Will Raise Food Products For Country.

### F. U. ADAMS ORIGINATES PLAN

Idea of Well Known Author Has Been Enthusiastically Received—Adopted Motto "We Are Not Too Proud to Hoe"—Expect to Realize Several Million Dollars.

New York.—The golf players of the United States will turn farmers and raise on their links huge crops of potatoes and other food products for the use of the United States and its allies. Such is the movement set on foot by the Dunwoodie Country club at a special meeting held in its Yonkers clubhouse. The plan originated with Frederick Upham Adams, author and golfer.

The plan of operation is simple and is declared to be practical. Dunwoodie.



FREDERICK UPHAM ADAMS.

In common with all golf courses, has several acres of tillable soil not used for golfing purposes. The club has set this aside for cultivation. More than a hundred of the members have already volunteered to do the work of cultivation, and it is predicted that this volunteer farming corps will soon number fully 250 golfers who will try to prove themselves as efficient with a hoe as with a niblick. These volunteers sign the following pledge:

"The Dunwoodie Country club has the honor of taking the initiative in a national campaign on the part of golf clubs to aid in winning the war now declared. We propose to set aside for cultivation all of our land not absolutely needed for golf purposes. We propose that our members shall cultivate this land; that the club shall purchase its product at a fair market value and that members shall do the same, and that the total cash proceeds shall be devoted to the purchase of ambulance trucks and other necessities required in the successful prosecution of war."

"The undersigned members of the Dunwoodie Country club now volunteer their services in the Dunwoodie volunteer garden corps and pledge themselves to work in these gardens for an average of two hours a week for the twenty weeks which constitute the season. We also agree to pay \$1 as initiation fee and further pledge ourselves to obey the rules which will be adopted to govern the execution of this patriotic duty."

Two hours a week for twenty weeks makes forty hours' work for each member, which means that a volunteer corps of 250 members would perform 10,000 hours of farming labor. This now has a market value of not less than 30 cents an hour, an item of \$3,000, and the Dunwoodie farming experts predict that the muscle of their golfers will create a product which will sell for not less than \$4,000, of which the club will be chief patron.

Mr. Adams, President Austin I. Babcock of the Dunwoodie Country club and other originators of this movement point to the fact that there are fully a thousand golf clubs in the United States and predict that several millions of dollars will accrue for war purposes from this campaign.

"The Dunwoodie plan" has the hearty support of Howard F. Whitney, secretary of the United States Golf association.

On the Dunwoodie Country club will at once prepare a pamphlet containing the details of "the Dunwoodie plan" and will mail it to all of the golf clubs in the United States.

The motto adopted is "We are not too proud to hoe," and the popular anthem for golfers this year will be "Way down yonder in the cornfield."

## GYPSIES RIDE IN AUTOS.

Caravan of Luxe Attracts Much Attention at Briarcliff Manor.

Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.—A band of about twenty gypsies, traveling de luxe from Boston to San Francisco, camped here. Three new high powered automobiles are used to carry the gypsies, and three smaller cars carry their goods. The men are plentifully supplied with money.

The caravan attracted much attention as they passed through the village and pitched their camp in a small clump of woods, at the foot of the hills.

## WILSON AT SIXTY YEARS LOOKS TO BE ONLY FORTY

President in Fine Trim to Handle Tremendous War Problems.

Washington.—Facing the worries and tremendous responsibilities of a war the end of which cannot be foreseen, President Wilson at the age of sixty years is in perfect physical trim. He looks and acts about forty.

Many things contribute to the president's fine physical condition. He is a staunch believer in outdoor exercises—plenty of air. He takes both regularly and in time of stress defies the weather to keep him from the golf links or a long walk with Mrs. Wilson. "Relieve the mind by exposing it to the sunshine," appears to be the president's creed.

Whenever there has been a crisis it is the president's custom to attend a theater, and he plays golf usually after his decision has been made.

Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the president's private physician, has played a prominent part in keeping him strong and well. Whenever a danger signal is flashed along the president's system Grayson "catches" it. On those occasions the president is sent to bed to rest.

The president and Grayson may always be seen together when an international snarl is being dealt with. They may either play golf together or ride about the Washington drives swapping stories.

By holding to simple rules of living the president finds himself—a war president—physically and mentally fit to cope with the big problems ahead.

## ARMY AND NAVY TAKE FINGER PRINTS OF MEN

Hope by This Means to Identify Recruits in Case of Death or Illness.

Washington.—Because of the war situation and the general unrest the police are anxious to keep a watch on criminals and take into custody such as are at large. Crooks have often been able to slip through the hands of small town police forces which lacked a finger print system.

The army and navy are now taking finger prints of all men who enlist so that in case of death or illness the victim may be identified. The police department at one time aided the government in this work, but today the army and navy have their own print system.

"Any one," Inspector Faurot of New York said, "after a little instruction and practice can take a person's finger impressions successfully. To learn how to classify them, however, is a different matter. It requires a knowledge of finger prints. Our department has reached such efficiency that in four minutes we can take a prisoner's impressions, make a research for his former impressions and place his type-written record before you."

Inspector Faurot told of a prisoner who was brought to headquarters. When his assistants looked up the prisoner's record they discovered his prints had been sent from Belgium, where he was wanted in an \$80,000 embezzlement. Finger impressions of a man arrested in Sydney, Australia, for the shooting of a policeman there were sent here. His impressions revealed that he was wanted for murder in Boston.

Many employers of labor today have finger prints taken of their employees for identification. Laborers who work in ditch gangs wander from one place to another so that their identities frequently become lost.

## PANAMA TO DEFEND CANAL.

German Residents Will Be Interned if Involved in Plots.

Panama.—The president of the republic of Panama, Dr. Ramon Valdez, signed a proclamation committing Panama unreservedly to the assistance of the United States in defense of the canal.

The president also canceled the exequaturs of all the German consuls in Panama.

The proclamation declares: "Our indisputable duty in this tremendous hour of history is of a common ally, whose interests and existence as well as linked indissolubly with the United States."

"I therefore declare that the Panamanian nation will lend emphatic co-operation to the United States against enemies who execute or attempt to execute hostile acts against the territory of the canal or in any manner affect or tend to affect the common interests."

It is announced that Germans resident in Panama will be interned if they give any evidence of being involved in plots.

## AN AUTOGRAPHED EGG GETS HOME TO ROOST

Pittsburgh.—His name and the date, "July 15, 1916," written on an egg, shocked Lawrence Kendall of Mansfield, O., when he emptied a case of "strictly fresh" at a hotel here. He remembered marking the hen fruit while a packer last summer, but the shock occurred when the eggs, which left him at 21 cents, came back at 55 cents a dozen.